

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY JIDDA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3722

INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

AMCONSUL ASMARA VIA POUCH

C O N F I D E N T I A L JIDDA 1145

EXDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT

SUBJECT: CISCO III

REF: (A) KHARTOUM 442, (B) STATE 35212

1. RECENT INDICATIONS OF THE CONTINUING SPLIT BETWEEN THE PLF MILITARY AND POLITICAL LEADERSHIPS MAY RENDER PROBLEMATIC THE QUESTION OF THE EARLY RELEASE OF CAMPBELL AND HARRELL BUT WE NONETHELESS WISH TO ENDORSE THE RECOMMENDATION OF EMBASSY KHARTOUM CONTAINED REF A. IF, DESPITE THE PREFERENCE WE HAVE MADE KNOWN TO THE SAG THAT THE MEN BE RELEASED IN THE SUDAN, THEY SHOULD BE RELEASED IN JIDDA, WE ALSO WOULD WISH TO SPEED THEM ON THEIR WAY TO MORE SALUBRIOUS SURROUNDINGS IN EUROPE.

2. TO DATE OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH SAG OFFICIALS HAVE CONCENTRATED ON THE BASIC PROBLEM OF OBTAINING THE MEN'S RELEASE. WE HAVE NOT DISCUSSED SUCH SUBJECTS AS PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESS COVERAGE AND ONWARD TRAVEL AS BOTH PREMATURE AND LIKELY TO DISTRACT THE SAG FROM OUR PRIMARY OBJECTIVE. WE SUSPECT THAT THE SAG PREFERENCE WOULD BE TO HANDLE THE MATTER IN LOW KEY FASHION AND TO HAVE THE MEN ON THEIR WAY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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3. FOR OUR PART, WE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO ACCEDE TO

REASONABLE SAG WISHES WHICH COULD INCLUDE MOVING CAMPBELL AND HARRELL TO EUROPE ON THE FIRST AVAILABLE COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT IF THEIR HEALTH PERMITS. WE ARE MAKING ARRANGEMENTS WITHIN THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY FOR AN ADEQUATE PRELIMINARY PHYSICAL EXAMINATION FOR THE MEN.

4. ACTION REQUESTED. THAT THE FISCAL DATA REQUESTED PARA 4 REF A BE REPEATED TO EMBASSY JIDDA FOR OUR POSSIBLE USE.  
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